

education, and research programs. The report also presents an inventory of all such programs, indicating the legal authority for each program and the amount of funding in the last 2 fiscal years.

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FATHER'S DAY 2003

(Ms. CARSON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, Sunday, June 15 is Father's Day in America. Children and families will give tribute to men who are wonderful, caring parents. According to the 2000 census, there were 27 million fathers who had children under the age of 18 in their households in the year 2000. According to the National Fatherhood Initiative, an estimated 25 million children live absent from their biological fathers, up from under 10 million in 1960. Of the children under 18 in the United States, 66 percent lived with both parents and 5 percent lived with only their father in 2000.

All fathers can be important contributors to the well-being of their children. Kristin Clark Taylor, author of "Black Fathers, A Call for Healing," in her introduction writes:

"We are in need of our fathers. Our stomachs are growling, hungry for their presence. Our throats are parched, thirsty for the moment, the minute, the second that they walk back into our lives and bring smiles."

I encourage, Mr. Speaker, the fathers across this land to do all that they can do to be with their children, not just for a Sunday holiday but to be a permanent part of their life. To quote Marian Wright Edelman, director of the Children's Defense Fund, "We do not need an \$82 billion bill to correct a \$3.5 billion injustice." Fathers are struggling to be the best dad for the most part.

I salute Father's Day 2003 and fatherhood. I call upon the Congress to do what they can do to help the fathers, fatherhood and the wannabe fathers through responsible child tax credit legislation.

Happy Father's Day.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Texas (Mr. CULBERSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. CULBERSON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to give my Special Order at this time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

CHILD TAX CREDIT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, today's vote on the Republican child tax credit bill was a squandered opportunity, a squandered opportunity to invest in our children and their families. We missed the chance to pass legislation that would immediately grant our Nation's hardworking families an increased child tax credit. The families I am talking about are those with dedicated workers that put in full-time hours at a low wage, pay taxes, and earn less than \$26,000 a year. It is unfortunate that Republicans believe these forgotten children and families do not contribute enough to deserve a break. Their actions today left me no doubt that their priorities are dead wrong.

Why could the House Republican leadership not follow the other body and bring a clean child tax credit bill before us today? According to a colleague on the other side of the aisle, "If we're going to do it, we should get something in exchange. If we give people a tax break that don't pay taxes, it's really welfare."

Mr. Speaker, these families are not on welfare. They do pay taxes. They are not seeking welfare. They are seeking the same acknowledgment for their hard work as the rich received in the Republican tax package earlier, and they deserve tax relief now. This supposed party of compassionate conservatism has exploited the child tax credit issue to pass even more tax cuts for their wealthy friends. Rather than bringing up a child tax credit bill costing \$3.5 billion with full offsets, which means fully paid for, they passed a bill that costs over \$80 billion with no offsets, totally unpaid for, at a time when America's Federal deficit will exceed \$400 billion.

Our priority should be to put money in the hands of working Americans while keeping our fiscal house in order. That way we can create jobs and build a strong economy. If we do not help our children now, I ask you, when will we? How can we ever expect to strengthen our Nation in the future when we ignore our children, 25 percent of our population, 100 percent of our future?

Mr. Speaker, the House Republican leadership failed our children today. They failed working families. The other body handed us a bill that would have increased tax credits for 6.5 million tax-paying families. The President, after hearing from the public and getting the pressure from the majority of the people in this Nation, actually came out in strong support of this cleaner legislation. He supported what the other body passed 94 to 2. But the bill passed today will not address the real needs of this Nation's hardworking, low-wage-earning families in the same way at all.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to restore true compassion for our Nation's working families rather than our Nation's millionaires. Our families need to know that we have not forgotten them. They are the core, they are the engine, they are what makes this Nation work, and we cannot forget them.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time of the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

ADDRESSING THE HIGH COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise again tonight to talk about the high cost that Americans pay for prescription drugs. I am so lucky. Today I got to spend a good part of my day with a true American hero. Her name is Kate Stahl. For Members who have not seen it, I recommend, and I will submit for the RECORD, a copy of last week's U.S. News and World Report; and they did a story, the title of which is "Health on the Border, Elderly Americans head north and south to find drugs they can afford."